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Please find below and/or attached an Office communication concerning this application or proceeding.

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) Responsive to communication(s) filed on 15 July 2005.
- 2a) This action is FINAL. 2b) This action is non-final.
- 3) Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) Claim(s) 50-57 and 60 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) Claim(s) 50,55-57 and 60 is/are rejected.
- 7) Claim(s) 51-54 is/are objected to.
- 8) Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) The drawing(s) filed on 20 February 2004 is/are: a) accepted or b) objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) All b) Some * c) None of:
1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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| 1) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) | 4) <input type="checkbox"/> Interview Summary (PTO-413) |
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Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____. | 5) <input type="checkbox"/> Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152) |
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DETAILED ACTION

Response to Arguments

1. Applicant's arguments filed 07/15/2005 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive. In a field of mobile computer (or computerized) stations the customary meaning in the art of the term: "Tray" is a movable, extendable, retractable part to support a keyboard. In the instant application the part 70 is retractable from the part 12 and named as a "tray" which is in accordance with the above. However, the part 12 is also named as a "tray", which it is not in accordance with a customer meaning in the art. Examiner considers it as a computer supporting body of the workstation, which has a horizontal work surface 86. The same function has a top of the chassis 12 in the reference by Halpern et al. Without any additional structural limitations (as it was done in the parent applications) examiner insists that the work surface 86 in the instant application and the top of the chassis 12 in the reference by Halpern et al are equivalent structures, and therefore, the previous rejection stays.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

2. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 50, 55-56 and 60 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Halpern et al in view of Honda et al.

Halpern et al teach a mobile clinical workstation 11, Figs. 1-3, comprising: a movable chassis 12; a substantially horizontal tray (top surface of the chassis 12); a docking station 20 for a computing device 22 supported by the tray, and a power unit 16 supported by the chassis 12, wherein said computing device 22 inherently can be considered as a monitoring device or a medical device or a display device. However it is possible to point out that the workstation 11 comprises a plurality different medical computing devices in addition to the computing device 22. Halpern et al do not teach said docking station 22 being tilttable. Honda et al teach a portable tablet computer docking station, which is adjustably tilttable. It is well known in the art to make computers or computer docking stations, or computer (displays or monitors) supports or stands tilttable to adjust them individually corresponding to a customer's preferences base on their height, specifics of the vision, etc. (See previously cited references and presented below list of the pertinent prior art references each of them disclosing a tilttable portable computer docking station). It would have been obvious to one ordinary skilled in the art at the time invention was made to employ a tilttable computer docking station as it is shown by Honda et al in the device by Halpern et al in order to improve it ergonomically.

Allowable Subject Matter

4. Claims 51-54 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

5. The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter: A tray has a lower surface, and further comprising an input device tray proximate to the lower surface of the tray.

Conclusion

6. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Michael V. Datskovskiy whose telephone number is (571) 272-2040. The examiner can normally be reached on 8-4:30.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Lynn Feild can be reached on (571) 272-2092. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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